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Security Council

3.30 p.m. . . . . 5047th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

   Letter dated 21 September 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/764)

(continued overleaf)

Flash Appeals for Haiti and Grenada

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator will launch Flash Appeals for Haiti and Grenada, two of the countries severely affected by the recent hurricane and tropical storms, *today*, 1 October 2004, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The appeals seek to raise additional funds for relief and recovery efforts. All Member States are invited to attend as observers.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Justice and the rule of law: the United Nations Role". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 1 October 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Afternoon[1] . . . . . 5048th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Third special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2004/650)

   Letter dated 3 September 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/715)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5047th meeting.

Security Council

The President of the Security Council, Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of October, on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 12.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

The President of the Security Council, Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will provide a briefing to all Member States and Observers on the programme of work for the month of October, on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 3 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas as of Monday, 4 October 2004.

General Assembly
Fifty-ninth session

A plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider in joint debate agenda items 52 (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly) and 54 (Strengthening of the United Nations system) (A/59/354) (see p. 5).

The Deputy-Secretary-General will introduce, under agenda item 54 (Strengthening of the United Nations system), the report of the Secretary-General in response to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (A/59/354).

Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Draft reports

Third Committee

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Rachel Groux (Switzerland), on a supplement to the Standard Rules on Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, *today*, 1 October 2004, from 2.30 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), on the report of the Committee on Development Policy on its sixth session (item 13 (a)) and on the report of the Secretary-General on a smooth transition strategy of countries graduating from least developed countries status, *today*, 1 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on international cooperation in tax matters (item 13 (h)), *today*, 1 October 2004, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other meetings

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Friday, 1 October 2004

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(core group on international cooperation in tax matters)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

OIC Group *(Sixth Committee experts) (at the expert level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Non-Aligned Movement *(peacekeeping operations)*

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Southern African Development Community (SADC)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Meeting of co-sponsors on the Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Working towards the elimination of crimes against women and girls committed in the name of honour" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Turkey and the United Kingdom)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on the Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Working towards the elimination of crimes against women and girls committed in the name of honour", organized by the Permanent Missions of Turkey and the United Kingdom, *today*, 1 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures)

There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) *today*, 1 October 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Wolfgang F. H. Trautwein, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany, and Mr. Nobuyasu Abe, Under-Secretary-General, Department for Disarmament Affairs. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

Briefing on the TICAD Asia-Africa Trade and Investment Conference (AATIC) (Tokyo, 1-2 November 2004) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Japan)

There will be a briefing on the TICAD Asia-Africa Trade and Investment Conference (AATIC) (Tokyo, 1-2 November 2004), organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Japan, *today*, 1 October 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa. Members of Permanent Missions and representatives of international organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact, Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mai: ikegame@un.org).

Briefing on the Electronic Meetings Planning and Resource Allocation System (eMeets)

Further to the Note Verbale sent to all Permanent Missions on 2 August 2004 and the briefing held on 27 August 2004, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will hold a briefing for delegations, on the use of the Electronic Meetings Planning and Resource Allocation System (eMeets) for the electronic submission, processing and tracking of reservations for conference facilities, *today*, 1 October 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 3. For further information, please contact the Meetings Control Section, Central Planning and Coordination Service, DGACM (tel. 1 (212) 963-6540).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 1 October 2004

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (on the United Nations Flash Appeals for Haiti and Grenada)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 4 October 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. . . . . 18th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [8]
   (a) Second report of the General Committee (A/59/250/Add.1)[1]
   (b) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/59/351/Add.1)
2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [52]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [54]: report by the Secretary-General (A/59/354): joint debate: the Deputy-Secretary-General will introduce the report by the Secretary-General[2]

[1] To be issued.

[2] Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.

First Committee

The First Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 4 October, to Friday, 15 October 2004. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Ms. Cherub Nicholls (room S-2977M; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Cheryl Stoute, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (212) 963-5595; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 4 October (see document A/C.4/59/L.1) are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Keynote address

A keynote address on the theme "Development and conflict" will be delivered by Mr. Paul Collier, Professor of Economics, St. Anthony's College, and Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford, on Tuesday, 5 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. The event, organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open on the basis of the draft programme of work of the Committee (A/C.3/59/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m.

Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to consider the organization of work (A/C.6/59/L.1) and the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session (agenda item 143) (see document A/59/17).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for this item and other forthcoming agenda items (see document A/C.6/59/L.1 for dates of consideration) are kindly requested to notify the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5375; or e-mail villena-tanedo@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 50 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on Monday, 4 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8; on Tuesday, 5 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A; and on Wednesday, 6 October, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 281st meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of Permanent Missions in New York. The workshop will be held in Conference Room 6, on Monday, 4 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 5 October, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 6 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal exchanges of views on First Committee issues (organized by the delegation of the United States)

Delegates representing Governments of the regional groups are invited to exchanges of views on First Committee issues, organized by the delegation of the United States, to be held on the dates indicated below, promptly from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meetings will be *closed* and conducted in English.

African Group: Monday, 4 October 2004

Asian Group: Tuesday, 5 October

Latin American and Caribbean Group: Wednesday, 6 October

Eastern European Group: Thursday, 7 October

Western European and Other States Group: Friday, 8 October

Briefing by the Chairman of the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on preparations for the thirteenth session (policy session) and its intergovernmental preparatory meeting. The briefing will be held on Tuesday, 5 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal meeting on the First Committee draft resolution entitled "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

An informal meeting on the First Committee draft resolution entitled "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms", organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina, will be held on Tuesday, 5 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Briefing on commercial law reform and private sector development (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States, in cooperation with the Financing for Development Office, DESA)

There will be a briefing on commercial law reform and private sector development, organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States, in cooperation with the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 5 October 2004, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Mr. William Loris, Director-General of the International Development Law Organization, will make a presentation on "The role of effective commercial law in promoting private sector development". Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Office (Mr. Hazem Fahmy (tel. 1 (212) 963-5900; e-mail fahmyh@un.org)).

Informal briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 89 (b), 98 and 99

There will be an informal briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 89 (b) (Women in development), 98 (Advancement of women) and 99 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"). The briefing, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women and by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 5 October 2004, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FAO panel discussions on Small Island Developing States

There will be two panel discussions on Small Island Developing States, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, as follows: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (expert panel on sugar, fisheries and bananas); and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (ministerial dialogue). Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036 or 963-0989).

Briefing on the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

There will be a briefing on the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the Mauritius International Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

There will be informal consultations, organized by H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, on remaining pending issues in relation to the outcome document of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. The informal consultations will take place on 7, 8 and 11 October 2004 in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions are invited to attend.

Informal briefing on agenda item 38, sub-items (a) and (b), on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

There will be an informal briefing on agenda item 38, sub-items (a) and (b), on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

UNITAR/DOALOS briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly conducting a briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea. The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday and Thursday, 13 and 14 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the Permanent Missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 6 October. For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196) or DOALOS (tel. 1 (212) 963-1894).

Round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

There will be a round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa", organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Monday, 18 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Chief, Policy Analysis and Monitoring Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-5006; fax 1 (212) 963-3892; e-mail otobo1@un.org).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Second Committee

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (item 89 of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

A Note on the World Economic Outlook as of September 2004, as a background document for the general debate of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Report of the Secretary-General in response to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (A/59/354)

The report of the Secretary-General in response to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (A/59/354), chaired by Mr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former president of Brazil, is available on the Official Document System of the United Nations (ODS) and at the following address: www.un.org/reform.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 30 September 2004

Security Council

5046th meeting (closed) *Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan*

Briefing by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 5046th meeting, held in private on 30 September 2004, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan.'

"His Excellency Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, the distinguished Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan, was invited, in response to his request, to participate in the discussion, in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Security Council heard a briefing by His Excellency Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail.

"Members of the Council and His Excellency Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail had a constructive exchange of views."

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

17th plenary meeting

General debate . . . . . [9]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Jérémie Bonnelame, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Seychelles; H.E. Mr. Fathulla Jameel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives; H.E. The Honourable Frederick Mitchell, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Public Service of the Bahamas; H.E. Mr. Talbak Nazarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan; H.E. Mrs. Maria Levens, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Suriname; H.E. Mr. Carlos Morales Troncoso, Secretary of State for Foreign Relations of the Dominican Republic; H.E. Dr. Lamuel Stanislaus, Chairman of the Delegation of Grenada; H.E. Mr. Stuart Leslie, Chairman of the Delegation of Belize; and H.E. Mr. John Dauth, Chairman of the Delegation of Australia.

The President made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Sudan and Eritrea.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 9.

General Committee

3rd meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of Member States (A/59/231)

The representative of Sao Tome and Principe (on behalf of the Community of Portuguese-speaking countries), under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the community of Portuguese-speaking countries" (A/59/231).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session as a sub-item of agenda item 56, under Heading I, and that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of Member States (A/59/232)

The representative of Ghana (on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States) made a statement, in the course of which he requested the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of West African States in the General Assembly" (A/59/232).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session under Heading I, and that it should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/59/1, paras. 72 and 73)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 109 (Programme planning) also be allocated to the Third Committee with respect to programme 19 (Human rights) of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007.

(d) Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Committee took note of the clarification that, in implementing resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004 to consider item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) in its entirety in plenary, the relevant parts of Chapter I of the report that are under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committees concerned for the final action by the General Assembly.

Main Committees

First Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Luis Alfonso De Alba (Mexico), made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable, as contained in document A/C.1/59/CRP.1.

The representatives of the United States, Indonesia and Switzerland also made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1st meeting

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/59/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/59/L.1) containing suggestions on the organization of work.

The Chairman also drew members' attention to document A/C.4/59/INF/1, which contained the list of documents before the Fourth Committee, issued and to be issued to date.

The Committee approved its programme of work, as contained in document A/C.4/59/L.1.

The Committee also decided to establish an open-ended Working Group of the Whole, chaired this year by the delegation of Nigeria, to prepare the draft resolution on agenda items 74 and 23.

At the suggestion of the Chairman (A/C.4/59/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on decolonization items 20, and 79 to 82, and to close the list of speakers on those items on Monday, 4 October, at 6 p.m.

The Committee also decided that Wednesday, 6 October, at 4 p.m. would be the deadline for submission of draft proposals on decolonization items.

Requests for hearing

The Committee decided that any request from the representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories to appear before the Committee should be submitted by the chief elected representative of the people of the Non-Self-Governing Territory.

The Chairman drew attention to Aide-mémoire 1/04 containing 23 requests for hearing relating to the questions of Gibraltar and Western Sahara.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

The Committee also decided that the deadline to submit further requests for hearing would be Monday, 4 October, at 1 p.m. and that the requests would be processed as documents to be considered at the following meeting.

The Chairman also informed the Committee of the communications received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar who wished to make a statement on Gibraltar, and from a representative of the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands who wished to speak under agenda item 81.

Fifth Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Don MacKay (New Zealand), declared open the first meeting of the Fifth Committee of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly and made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee reminded the Committee of the election of Mr. Mohamed Najib Eljy (Syrian Arab Republic), Ms. Karen Lock (South Africa) and Ms. Karla Samayoa-Recari (Guatemala) as Vice-Chairpersons and Ms. Denisa Hutanová (Sovakia) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 17 September 2004 from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/59/1) on the allocation of items of the agenda by the General Assembly to the Fifth Committee. The Chairman further drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/59/L.1) and to the proposed programme of work submitted by the Bureau for the main part of the session.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the recommendations of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/59/250, as well as of the observations of the Chairman that delegations ensure that their colleagues in the Main Committees complete consideration of all draft resolutions having programme budget implications as early as possible, and not later than 1 December 2004, in order to enable the Fifth Committee to consider them in a timely manner.

Statements concerning the status of documentation and on the proposed programme of work were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, India, Australia (on behalf of Canada and Australia), the Republic of Korea and the United States.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the Bureau would adjust the proposed programme of work for the remaining part of the session taking into account the observations made.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set Friday, 15 October 2004, as the deadline for the submission of candidatures to the secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 17 (Appointment to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments).

The representatives of Canada and Nigeria made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Oman (17 September 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Oman (17 September 2004)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Thailand (29 September 2004)[1]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Sierra Leone (30 September 2004)[1]

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Ratification: Sierra Leone (30 September 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Sierra Leone (30 September 2004)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Sierra Leone (30 September 2004)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Ratification: Sierra Leone (30 September 2004)[1]

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003

Consent to be bound: Lithuania (29 September 2004)[1]

Consent to be bound: Sierra Leone (30 September 2004)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Sierra Leone (30 September 2004)[1]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: United Republic of Tanzania (30 September 2004)

Ratification: United Republic of Tanzania (30 September 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

World Habitat Day

In observance of World Habitat Day, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) will hold an event on the theme "Cities – Engines of rural development", on Monday, 4 October 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

International Forum for Social Development

The fourth meeting of the International Forum for Social Development on "Equity, inequalities and interdependence", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held in an informal open debate on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The debate will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo, Chairman of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development. The moderator will be Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information is available in room DC2-1360, or at the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/IFSD/4thmeeting.htm. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development (tel. 1 (917) 367-5740 or 1 (212) 963-4596).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2004 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Ethiopia
H.E. Mr. Terunth Zenna

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi

Eastern European States:
Azerbaijan
H.E. Mr. Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Mexico
H.E. Mr. Enrique Berruga

Western European and other States:
Monaco
H.E. Mr. Guilles Noghes

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A/58/PV.94	Meeting held on 10 September 2004, 10 a.m. [E]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/58/SR.12	Meeting held on 21 October 2003, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]

	Third Committee
A/C.3/58/SR.58	Meeting held on 26 November 2003, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
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A/59/336	Item 111 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/59/4	Letter dated 15 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Dominica addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
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S/2004/710/Corr.1	Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 30 of resolution 1546 (2004) [A C E F R S]
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